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DANGER

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ACCORDING TO SEPTEMBER 7 PRESS REPORTS, MINISTER OF THE
INTERIOR AND ORANGE FREE STATE NATIONAL PARTY LEADER,
ALWYN SCHLEBUSCH, WARNED THAT A BREAKDOWN IN NAMIBIA
NEGOTIATIONS WOULD PROBABLY LEAD TO LOW-LEVEL SANCTION
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BY THE UN AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. IN AN APPARENT
COMPLEMENT TO P.W. BOTHA'S SPEECH TO THE CONGRESS
(SEE REFTEL), SCHLEBUSCH REPORTEDLY SPECULATED THAT
THE CAMPAIGN COULD GRADUALLY GROW IN INTENSITY,
BUT HE DOUBTED WHETHER THE WEST COULD AFFORD SUCH
A CAMPAIGN. HE REFERRED TO SOUTH AFRICA'S RESOURCES
AND WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "I THINK THE WEST WILL

THINK TWICE BEFORE COMMITTING ITSELF TO ADDITIONAL
SANCTIONS." SCHLEBUSCH ALSO REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED
THE SADF AS DYNAMIC AND MOTIVATED, WHILE NOTHING
THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL FOR ARMS
AND SOPHISTICATED MACHINERY PRODUCTION.
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